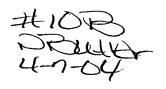
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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT (37 CFR 1.121)

Sir:

In response to an oral Restriction Requirement via telephone with the Examiner, Applicant amends the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.